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Subject: Planning On Approving The Phillips 66 Rail Spur - What are You Thinking?

To: Department of Planning and Building
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Dear Planning Commissioners:

You have been presented overwhelming evidence of the un-mitigable impacts of the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Spur project. Your staff recommended you vote no on this proposed project. But cutting through all the details, the underlying truth is that Phillips 66 gets the profits and maybe 12 new permanent jobs will be added. But the people living near the refinery and along the railroad line are forced to accept significant impacts and risks. The impacts of light pollution, air pollution, noise pollution, water pollution risks, explosion risks, fire risks, property damage risks and death and injury risks. I live near the railroad and I do not want to accept that trade.

During your hearings, I listened to the Phillips 66 lawyer's shifting story. They claimed oil trains are safe. They claimed that they would be forced to close their refinery if they cannot have their rail spur. Almost simultaneously, they claimed that they would bring the oil in by 100's of dangerous trucks if they cannot have their rail spur. They claimed you have no authority to disapprove the rail spur. They claimed you cannot take into account risks along the railroad, only impacts at their refinery. They said they would reduce the trains per week from 5 to 3 to sneak under some pesky legal limits. Do you believe these things?

Have you seen the June 3, 2016 oil train derailment and explosion in Oregon? See:

<http://katu.com/news/local/train-catches-fire-outside-mosier-in-the-columbia-river-gorge-oil-smoke-hood-river>

Was that oil train safe? Fortunately, the fire responders contained the fire to just a few rail cars. Could our SLO firefighters do as well with a derailment on Cuesta grade? In downtown San Luis Obispo? In downtown Paso Robles?



from <http://katu.com/news>

If a similar derailment, or worse, happens in SLO County, will Phillips 66 pay all the costs? How will they reimburse widows and orphans? Will they pay all the firefighting costs? Will they completely clean up the spill? Will they pay for all the property damage? Will they remove at least as much pollution of the water and air as an leak and explosion will cause? Or will the Phillips 66 lawyers work to minimize their costs?

Do the right thing in September, and **vote no!**

Educate your County commissioners so they will vote no as well.

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